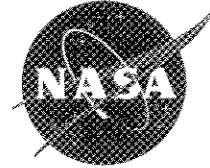


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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the Women In Aerospace & Women In Defense Reception on August 26, 2010

On August 26, 2010, Women In Aerospace (WIA) and Women In Defense (WID), both non-profit organizations under 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host a reception at the Science Club, in Washington, D. C. from 5:30 p. m.-7:00 p. m.

The reception will be attended by representatives of the aerospace industry, trade associations, the media, Congress, academia, Federal agencies, and NASA personnel. Approximately 600 people have been invited and 150 are expected to attend. The estimated cost of the reception, which includes all food and beverages, is \$10.00 per person. I find that the reception meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. §2635.204(g)(2). This event will allow NASA employees the opportunity to discuss NASA's space projects and programs with other people who are interested in aerospace and other NASA related issues. Accordingly, NASA employees - including those in non-career positions for which the Executive Order 13490 requires signing an ethics pledge - may accept an invitation for free attendance to the event. I have determined that free attendance at the above-mentioned reception is in the interest of the agency because it will further agency programs and operations.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the event sponsors, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

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